ANTE-SEASON WORK

All Clubs Rounding Into Shape Through Plenty of Practice.

PLAYERS BATTLING FOR POSITIONS

Composition of League Clubs at the Opening of the Season.

LATE BASE BALL NEWS

With the exception of the Senators all the clubs in the league are down south or on their way there to secure preliminary practice before the opening of the season. April 16. Cincing ati played the first regular game of the season last Sunday with the New Orleans team, winning by the score of 12 to 1. Washington's old favorite, "Dummy" Hoy, made the first home run of the season, while at the bat the first time and on the first ball pitched. Irwin, who takes Latham's place at third, has created a good impression, and the remainder of the team appears to be in the best possible shape. The clubs that will get the best practice, however, are the New Yorks, Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburg and Louisville, as they all have enough players to make up two teams, and the second nines are all stronger than a minor league club. Pittsburg and Cleveland will practice together, and as there is a great deal of rivalry between the two clubs both will be berefited to a marked degree. Cincinnati will, of course, easily defeat the New Orleans club, but when they go against the Pittsburgs, April 16, they will find that the smoky city lads have had all the kinks hammered out of them and are in the greatest possible shape.

As to the new men on the different teams, it looks as if "Shorty" Fuller is doomed as short stop for the New Yorks, as Conpaughton is playing the position out of sight and batting like a flend. The only hope held out to Fuller is that the new man can't keep up his gatt, which is very likely. "Bill" Clarke will play first, Pfeffer second, Gleason third, with Davis, Tiernan and Stafford in the outfield. With Rusie, Meekin and Clark in the bex, this makes a pretty strong aggregation.
Of the Phillies, it looks like Brouthers

first, Haliman second, Hulen short, Nash third, Suliivan left, Delehanty center and Thompson right. Another great aggrega-

Louisville, the club tipped to do wonders, has not yet selected a third baseman or short stop. It has four candidates for each position and the proper man is ex-pected to be found during the preliminary season. When it is considered that "Big Bill' Hasamaer has a pretty good chance for short step the strength of team can be pret y well sized up. McClosky made a big mistake when he let that steady, every-day-in-the-week player, Jimmy Donnelly, slip through his hands. The St. Leuis team will present consider-

able change, Latham going to third, Monte Cross, formerly of Pittsburg, to snort, and if Cooley and Dowd are not gotten into line an entire new outfield will have to be se-

Chicago has second base and left field to fill, Decker no doubt playing the latter po-sition when not on first, and "Jiggs" Parrott going tack to his old position at sec-ond. Arson is stuck en Parrot, and owing to his good record in the Western League last senson will be given another try. Boston's line up will probably be Tucker, Lowe, Long and Collins for the infield and Hamilton, Duffy and Bannon in the out-

field. Many experts pick this team for championship honors. Brooklyn will have only three new faces on the team and they will shine at second base, left and right field. Bonner will probably play second, McCarthy left, and either or Jones right.

Mack expects to startle the base ball world the coming season on account of shortstop and third base, two terribly big holes last season being plugged up with two crack-a-jacks like Ely and Lyons. The latter will be playing for his life, and is said to be in fine condition. If this proves true the Pittsburg lads are not to be despised by any club in the league, as everybody is aware that Hawley and Killen will be doing business at the old stand. Baltimore, Washington and Cleveland will stand pat with last year's teams, the latter being unable to find players strong enough to replace the old men and the other two believing their teams strong enough. From now on until the opening of the season lurid reports will come up out of south of the phenomenal playing of the fifty and one youngsters being tried down there by the different clubs, but when the umpire calls "play ball," the changes that have taken place will be about those given

Members of the National League are in reality partners, in a business sense. How long would a commercial or manufacturing enterprise last were the directors to fight and quarrel and bicker and backbite and slander and plot and scheme one against the other? For a year or so after the amalgamation of the National League and American Association harmony gurgled like a mountain brooklet when the magnates held their conferences. They all pulled together and the result was that the national game regained its pristine popularity. Nowadays the league is a great deal like the "Old Homestead" when the stage hero returns after an absence of many years. It is a case of "how changed the old place seems." Fraternal feeling is a years. It is a case of how changed the old place seems." Fraternal feeling is a stranger in the league councils. Magnates no longer seek to make friends for friends' sake, but to "keep him from joining the other faction." The old but true motto, "In union there is strength," and the shibble the "United we stand, divided we fall," boleth, "United we stand, divided we fall." have cobwebbed over with venom and hate. and envy and district. Another watch-word has been proclaimed. It is now, "Do the other fellow or he'll do you." Healthy rivalry among the teams is the life blood of the sport. Trickery and treachery among the magnates is quite another thing, and will have quite the opposite effect.

It is now given out that Manager Schmelz will not join the Senators until the theatri-cal season closes, and that Vice President Wagner and William Joyce will take care of the team until that time. The boys are dropping in slowly, Cartwright being are dropping in slowly, Cartwright being the first to put in an appearance, but with warm weather the players will doubtless come to Washington in a bunch. The grounds at present are in a horrible condition, not so much on account of the snow and slush as to being overhauled and re-graded, and it will take considerable rolling and fine weather to get them in shape by April 1. With Joyce in entire command of the crew and Earl Wagner as a whipper-in and chief jollier, the boys will be sure to get into shape quickly. Good weather is all that is necessary.

A prominent base ball writer has discovered some changes in the rules which were not given out at the league meeting. The rule defining a balk now reads: "A balk is any delivery of the ball to the bat by the pitcher while his pivot foot is not in centact with the pitcher's plate, as defined in rule 20,"

Players must stick to their bench while their team is at the bat, unless engaged in coaching, and only presidents and man-agers are allowed to sit on the bench with the men in uniform. Von der Ahe's ex-perience with Tim Hurst when the former was ordered off the field last season for arguing with the latter during an exciting game no doubt led to the adoption of the latter rule, as formerly no mention was made of the owner of the club in connection with the players, benchmark.

tion with the players' bench. list game was played on the campus of the season was put in the case of Manager Hanlon of the Baltimores, who has looked after his team to the queen's taste and has fertified his nine for a nice run through the home stretch. If the Orioles come home in a good position the latter part of the season they will be given an elegant opportunity to improve it. They played almost as well, but then they don't count. Perhaps Doyle, McGraw, Clark and Jennalings won't "turn a few tricks" if the Orioles need any thing when the home stretch to reached. The Bostons, who are looked upon as the most dangerous of Hanlon's openents, are scheduled to play their last twelve games away from home against such teams as the New Yorks, Brooklyns, Phila-Being a member of the schedule commit-

delphias and Baltimores. By this arrangement they have a shade the worst of it.

The followers of the Cincinnatis and Louis-villes have become quite sporty of late, and recently a bet of \$300 was made by a Ken-tucky colonel that the "Yanigans" would beat out the red legs in the series. Then Arlie Latham comes forward with a century bet that the St. Louis boys will win the first game played with the Cincinnatis, but no takers have yet appeared for this last prop-osition. The Cincinnati neonle know Lether game played with the Cincinnatis, but no takers have yet appeared for this last proposition. The Cincinnati people know Latham and are no doubt afraid that he will talk, their club out of the game. It will be better than a circus to hear Ariie roast his old companions when they come together for the first time. Now Manager Foutz is actually boasting about what the Brooklyn club will do. He is willing to bet \$100 to \$75 that his team will beat out the New Yorks, not bis team will beat out the New Yorks, not only in their series, but in the pennant race. Foutz believes that his team will turn out to be the dark horse in the race, and advises the cranks not to leave the Bridegrooms out of their calculations. Think of it! Dave Foutz actually taking a chance at claiming

Silver King to Play Here.

"Silver" King promises to effect a renaissance of himself this season, and he will make the attempt in league company. King has been out of the game since he failed to come to terms with Mr. Brush in 1803, and this spring he asked for his release. It was granted, and now comes the tidings that King will wear a Washington uniform. The old-time pitcher has been practicing every day, and Bill Joyce is the au-thority for the statement that he possesses all of his old-time speed.-Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

Base Ball Briefs. The Washington club will line up as follows at the opening of the season, April 16: McGuire, Farrell, catchers; Mercer, Maul, Stivetts, pitchers; Joyce, first; Pfeffer, sec ond; De Montreville, short; McGraw, third; Turner, left; Cooley, center, and Selback,

right-and then the pipe went out. Seven dogs scamper around the grounds surrounding President Young's home at night at present, and the additional safeguard of a safe keeps the envious burglar away from the great silver service.

Washington had good base ball weather during the past week—nit. In New Orleans the spectators saw the game last Sunday in their shirt sleeves, while the New Yorks at Jacksonville ran against a rain storm. Has the rain belt again struck the south? The Senators may be happy yet. A "Gentleman of France," Oliver Patricio

Tebeau. George Davis has bet three suits of clothes that he will lead the New Yorks in batting this year. Pitcher Hoffer has sent word to Manager Hanlon that he would report in a few days, "Kid" Gleason made five hits in the first

game at Jacksonville out of as many time at bat.
"Put 'em over" is one of Anson's standing orders to the pitchers during the training season. Gleason of the Giants played third base

the other day. He had two putouts and two assists without an error. Dahlen, McBride, Thornton and Dolan all made home runs in the first game at Gal-Dick Buckley will be seen in a St. Louis uniform. He says his arm was never dead,

only asleep.

The Spiders met their first defeat of the season Monday, when they were beaten out by the une of 13 to 8 by a picked team.

"Clam Chowder" Burns goes back to Newark, where he started ten years ago. He has just completed the circle. Burkett has his batting eye already. He banged the leather out for a home run, two doubles and a single Monday.

Louisville has organized a "Rooters'

Club" of 150, whose duty it is to attend every game the Colonels play in Cincinnati. The new pitching rule prohibits the discoloring of the ball by the twirler. The yells of "New ball," therefore, will be greater than ever.

Jiggs Parrott plays in bad luck. While at the bat Saturday, he was hit in the same place he was on Thursday. Wonder if some of the Colts have it in for Jiggs. They never liked him, that is certain. The Temple cup was taken out of the safe of the Cleveland Base Ball Club,

in as good a condition as it was two years ago. He thinks that his long rest did him good, and he feels sure that he will do credit to the great team in which he finds himself.

Rusie is stubborn enough to remain away balf the season. If he joins the New York club April 1 it will take him till June 15 to get in condition to pitch. While, of course, the New Yorks may be able to worry along without the services of the Hoosier, yet it would appear to be good club policy to have a talk with 1 im.

With Young, Cuppy and Chamberlain, the Clevelands are far ahead of Baltimore in the pitching department. Baltimore's only reliable man is Hoffer. Boston is the team that will have to be watched this year. Manager Selee has been keeping very quist, but it is thought that he has been sawing

but it is thought that he has been sawing wood.—Cleveland Exchange.

It is not so many seasons ago that Ed. McKean had a reputation all over the country of being a sulky player and being a hard man to get along with. Neither Tom
Loftus, Bob. Leadley, Gus Schmelz nor
Jimmie Williams could get the best work
out of McKean. Of all the willing men in
the team now, McKean is the most willing.
Breitenstein is now twenty-six records. Breitenstein is now twenty-six years old, and he has been in the major league since 1801. He said: "I am bigger and stronger than ever, and my arm was never in better shape. I like Messrs. Von der Ahe and Muckenfuss, and as St. Louis is my home I wanted to play there, but I was not to be bulldozed into signing a contract. I'll surprise the rooters with my work this year. On his arrival at the Springs, Tebeau was on his arrival at the Springs, Tebeau was beeked out in a new suit, and wore a green tie and a smile which resembled a tunnel. He had received word from Zimmer, and Burkett had come to terms, and he was happy. "Say," said Pat, "if I had Breitenstein I'd wir the pennant sure, but I'll bet even money we beat Baltimore out this Let even money we beat Baltimore out this year and get another whack at the Temple cup. Say, that cup would make a dandy growler, and if we win it for keeps I intend to build a brewery around it."

THE PRINCETON GAME.

feam of the Tigers Will Be Here

April 7. The Princeton team is scheduled to play the Georgetown University nine April 7. being the only game of the season with the strong New Jersey team. Washington is a great college town, and the admirers of the orange and black would like to see more than one game played with the blue and gray, remembering the fact that last year the tussle for the college championship was between these aggregations.

Last year the Princetons had a strong team. This year the team loses some of the good players, though it still has considerable good material to select from. It lacks the services of Williams, Otto, Brooks, lacks the services of Williams, Otto, Brooks, Payne and one of the Ward boys. The men who have been selected to fill their places have not been given a thorough trial as yet, though it is doubted if they can come up to the work of their predecessors at the bat or in the field. The team this year will consist of Jerome Bradley, who will captain and play second base. Last year he played in the outfield, and as he has played in nearly every position he is regarded as a good all-around man. In the box the three good pitchers of last year still remain, Altman, Easton and Wilson, while Cochran and Kelly are candiyear still remain, Altman, Easton and Wilson, while Cochran and Kelly are candidates for the first base. Gunster will still remain at third, while Pere Ward will play at shortstop, a position he played part of the time last year. The outfield will consist of the change pitchers and one or two

other men who have not been selected.
Billy Earle, formerly of Chicago and
Brookiyn league teams, is the coach.
In the series of three games with Georgetown last year Princeton won the odd. The first game was played on the campus of the

THE LOCAL CYCLISTS

Preparations for the Coming Meet for Charity.

SPACE ENGAGED FOR NEXT WEEK'S SHOW

Some of the Novelties That Will Be on View.

GOSSIP OF THE CLUBS

The charity bicycle meet, which will be given under the auspices of the Chevy Chase Hunt Club, for the benefit of the Home for Incurables, will come off Saturday afternoon March 21. Mr. H. M. Earle is in charge of the matter, and all entries should be forwarded to him. For three or less events the entry price will be 50 cents, but for more than three the price will be \$1. The program which has been announced embraces nine events, as follows: Parade and drill; cne-mile dash; boys' race; half-mile dash; egg and spoon race; slow race; carrying race; obstacle race; messenger boys' race, and trick riding.

In the events there are some decidedly novel races, and they are calculated to attract more than usual attention. The riders will not race with the idea in view of making any records, but solely for the fun of the thing. The egg and spoon race makes it compulsory for the contestants to carry an egg on a spoon and ride rapidly to a given point and return without dropping the egg. The rider making the best time is the winner, and if any contestant is unfortunate erough to drop the egg he has the privilege of trying again. The carrying race will also be a unique event, the conditions of the race providing for an eighth of a mile dash, after which the contestants dismount and carry their machines to the finishing point, 100 yards distant. The person crossing the tape first will be declared the winner.

At the last meeting of the Arlington Wheelmen a club uniform was decided upon, which attractive appearance. The uniform will consist of dark blue bloomers, with a sweat-er of red and black alternate stripes, representing the club colors. The contract for the suits has not as yet been given out.

Mr. R. Harris was admitted to member-

Last Sunday the club took a run to Cabin John bridge. Capt. Brengle was in command, and he was accompanied by Messrs. Potts, Terry, Bob Stone, Mudd and Moore. Should the weather permit, a short run will be taken tomorrow morning. Capt. Grace of the cycling branch of the

Eastern Athletic Club has reported an en-couraging increase in the followers of the wheel. He has called a run for tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock. A good many of the members went out to Bladensburg last Sun-

Some of the members of the Washington Road Club took a spin last Sunday out the Conduit road. With the cycle show on its hands, the club has a lot of work before it, and little attention is paid to active cycling. The work on the Decoration day race meet has been suspended until after the show. The Eastern Cycle Club is now no more There are several causes assigned, but the principal thing is the non-interest of the members in the affairs of the organization. William Woodward, who was captain of the Eastern Cycle Club, made a wonderful performance at the entertainment of the Eastern Athletic Club Thursday evening. On a home trainer he succeeded in making a very fast mile, the time of which was announced at 53 seconds. As there was only one stop watch held, there is a probability of a slight mistake in the time, though there is not the slightest doubt of the mile being ridden in less than one min-

At the last meeting of the club Messrs. W. M. Taylor, H. H. Sheetz, A. W. Leeke, J. F. Murrill and Howard Fisk were elected to membership. At the next meeting of the club a second lieutenant will be ap-pointed. The election of this new officer comes under the new constitution, which was adopted at the previous meeting. The next regular meeting will be held Monday

Mr. J. C. Wood, who is at present on a southern trip, is expected to be present at the opening night of the cycle show.

GROWTH OF THE L. A. W. The District Reaches the Dignity of a

Division. Things in the local division of the League of American Wheelmen are progressing smoothly, the membership has slowly crawled up, and during the week the hundred mark was reached. This is a gain of twenty-eight members, and places the District once more to the dignity of a division in the League of American Wheelmen circles, and entitles it to another officer, that is, vice consul, in addition to a number of local consuls, the appointive power of whom is within the province of Chief Consul Robertson. This means that at the next annual meeting of the local league, which will be held in November, there will be an election of officers, something which has not occurred here for two years.

During the week the chief consul issued his first bulletin, and the first official business was the selection of the Ebbitt House as a league hotel. Other appointments of a similar nature can now be looked for. Chief Consul Robertson is also at work on a road book which he intends to distribute a road book which he intends to distribute among local members. A great deal of time and attention is necessary for the compilation of the work, to say nothing of the cost, and will probably be some weeks

before the book makes its appearance.
Upon the request of Chairman Gideon of the racing board, the nomination of a local man for the position of official handicapper of this division has been sent in. Who the man is will not be known until after the nomination is confirmed. There is no doubt that this will be done, but in the reanwhile the name of the individual will be kept secret until officially promulgated. It is understood that there were several candidates for the office, and as the position is an important one to all racing men, corsiderable interest is manifested in the

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED.

All Space at the Coming Cycle Show Has Been Engaged.

Arrangements for the cycle show, beginning the 18th, have been completed. The spaces have all been engaged, and so great has been the demand that in a good many instances the exhibit have been subdivided, and two or three concerns occupy the same space. This is of value to the management, increases the number of exhibits and makes the show more interesting to the visitor. The people clamoring for space are principally the manufacturers of bicycle accessories, and an interesting showing in this line can be looked for. The show will not lack for novelties, and the same attractions that were at New York and Chicago will be placed on exhibition for the gaze of the Washington public. The management has had in view that a diversity of exhibits makes a diversity of exhibits makes the show more interesting, and the work has been carried on in this line. The minor im-provements and novelties include folding ram's horn, handle bars, folding bicycles, new saddles, departure in the construction of frames and wheels, electric light lamps

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The interior decorations of the main show room will be attractive. At the last meeting of the advisory board, published in The Star during the week, it was wisely decided to have the middle booths kept clear for a space of eight feet from the floor, of course not including the exhibits. This was intended to give a clear sweep of the hall, but above the restriction line the attractions can be looked for. There will be several electrical effects, the dealers endeavoring to outdo each other in this matter, and also in the matter of sign and other displays, and in the gifts of novelties. On account of their location the attractiveness of the side booths is assured. In the matter of entertainment there is much promised. In addition to the program of races, there will be exhibitions of trick riding by several out-of-town experts, notably Wilmstelle. trick riding by several out-of-town experts, notably Kilpatrick and his wife, who are said to be the leaders of trick riding in this

EASTERN ATHLETIC CLUB. New Quarters Decided Upon by the

The meeting of the Eastern Athletic Club was held during the week in their temporary quarters at Esputa's Hall, on 8th street southeast. The committee on quarters reported that they could not secure the house at No. 225 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, but reported favorably on premises No. 909 8th street southeast. It was decided to occupy the last named place, and Mr. Bieber was appointed a committee of one to get the place in proper shape. The top floor will be used as a gymnasium, and

also meeting room, while the other five rooms will be fitted up in the best of style for the convenience of members and visitors. Mr. James Batlon, Mr. R. R. Burr, Mr. Charles E. Goring and Mr. Harry E. Bevans were elected to membership, while the applications of a number of others were received. were received.

The game of basket ball played last Saturday night, which was lost to the Washington Light Infantry by a score of 4 to 1, was hotly contested, and much credit is due the club for the fine game they put up. The manager, Mr. Harry McKeldon, was fortunate in getting all the good men of the club on the team for that one game. Mr. J. Frank Raab has decided not to play on the team any more this season. The Club are fortunate in having Mr. Alfred Rouse, one of the best all-round athletes in the city.

Mr. Charles P. Green, formerly captain were received.

in the city.

Mr. Charles P. Green, formerly captain of the basket ball team, who has been in the east, has returned to Washington.

In the cycling branch the membership is increasing at every meeting, and is liable to a big increase by the acquisition of the Eastern Cycle Club in a body. This season the club will be represented on the track and road. Dr. Frank L. Manning, who is an enthusiastic wheelman, is in training for the spring races. Mr. John Shoemaker will also aspire for honor on the track. Captain Grace is making preparations for active spring cycling, and the tions for active spring cycling, and the club will have some good runs this year. The club will immediately move to their new quarters, and as soon as things are settled will give a house warming. Ar-rangements for an excursion next summer will soon be completed. A number of track events are now being arranged.

TO CELEBRATE TONIGHT.

Smoker in Honor of the Light, Infantry Basket Ball Team.

The "smoker" of the Washington Light Irfantry comes off tonight, in celebration of the victory of the basket ball team of the body in the District Basket Ball League. From all indications the "smoker" will be made more than ordinarily interesting. The championship trophy, the Schafhirt silver cup for the winning basket ball team, will be presented to the Infantry

The program for the evening will consist of the address of welcome, to be delivered by Col. W. G. Moore, followed by musical selections by the Madrid Mando-Hn Quartet, and a song by Mr. Lynwood Taylor. The presentation of the cup to the Infantry will be made by the president of York, along with a picture of the "next pennant winners." These will be exhibited in Madison Square Garden.

Elten Chamber air ought to make a valuable man for the Cleveland club this season. The keberg declares that his arm is in as good a condition as I was to make a valuable man for the cleveland club this season. The washington Road Club held a meeting during the week to transact business in regard to the coming cycle show. A committee, composed of C. E. Wood, C. Louis Petze and Dr. W. W. Hodges, was appointed to send out invitations for the condition opening night of the show. Sherrett, Barr and Fisher, will render musical selections. Another interesting fea-ture of the evening will be the presentation of medals to the members of the victorious team, Col. Moore making the presentation speech. The program will wind up as follows: Song, Mr. Humphrey; cornet solo, Mr. Lewis; song, Mr. Burrows; song, Mr.

The committee in charge of the smoker The committee in charge of the smoker consists of S. P. House, president of the athletic association of the corps, chairman; Lieut. J. B. K. Lee, master of ceremonies; Lieut. E. L. Phillips, Sergeant Major J. A. Heydler, Sergt. Harry T. Leach, Corp. R. T. Scott, Corp. Harry Lee, Corp. Harry McCabe and Private Harry

Matters relating to base ball are receiving a good deal of attention among the members of the Light Infantry, and the team is getting ready for practice to en-ter the Departmental League. So far no manager has been elected, but that be done shortly, and most likely Mr. House will be requested to fill the position on account of his ability.

The make-up of the team for the coming season will be as follows: Catchers, E. E.

Smith and Chamberlain; pitchers, Winkelman, Gleeson and Hough; first base, Henry Chamberlain; second base, Harry Leach; third base, Vic Bielaski; shortstop, Phil Wisner; left field, Fred Kleinschmidt; center field, C. F. Nugent; right field, W. Brown. In these the Infantry has an exceedingly strong term In try has an exceedingly strong team. In the pitchers' box the team is especially strong.

Royce Hough is at the Homeopathic Hospital, the result of an operation performed on him last week.

Waters of the basket ball team is working at Nashville, Tenn., and will not enjoy the smoker this evening.

CLAIM OF FOUL MADE.

Dispute Over a Game Bowled on the

Carroll Institute Alleys. The league bowling series is rapidly drawing to a close, and great interest is being displayed by the members of the different teams over the results. Two games were rolled last night between the Carroll Institute and the Washington Athletic Club on the alleys of the former organization. The home team won the first game, and if the second game is allowed to stand, the Carrolls will tie the W. A. C. for first place in the league standing. A protest was made on the second game, however, by the Washington Athletic Club boys, who claimed that one of the Carrolls fouled in delivering a ball, and but for that they would have won. The matter will be taken up at once by the league, and a decision rendered, which will put all doubt at rest.

The following were the scores of the games: First Game. C. I. Score. W. A. C. Score. Rice 147 Kidd 152 Schulteis 129 Füller 135 Whelan 180 Schlessinger 178 Locraft 149 Armstrong 171 Akers 168 C. I. Total...... 776 Total..... 744 Second Game. C. I. Score W. A. C. Score Rice 145 Kidd 161 Schulteis 135 Fyller 125 Whelan 127 Schlessinger 123 Locraft 165 Akers 146 Armstrong 150 Martin 168 Total 731 Total 723 W. A. C...... 28 19 Lost. To play.

LONG OR SHORT SUIT

Whist Teams to Test the Merits of 3 the Two Systems.

PLAYERS INTERESTED IN THE MATCH

What It is Hoped to Demonstrate.

NOTES OF THE LOCAL CLUBS

Mr. R. F. Foster in the New York Sun whist, with the intention of proving the weakness of the long suit method of lcading. He has taken the published official records of the matches for the Hamilton trophy for the years 1893, 1894 and 1895, and of the matches for the American Whist League trophy, played in the congresses for 1894 and 1895, and has attempted to prove the correctness of his position by figures showing the results of the play in the matches mentioned. He states that in 208 unestablished suits opened by the original leader, in the five matches referred to, 732 tricks were won without trumping. Of these the original leader and his partner together got only 45 per cent, and their adversaries 55 per cent. He claims that all the records examined by him show about

the same results.

Mr. Milton C. Work of the Hamiltons of Philadelphia, and Mr. George Bunn of the St. Pauls, have written in favor of the long-sult system.
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As a result of the controversy, there is a prospect of some interesting matches. The first of these will be played this evening at New York. Messrs. Henriques, Hawkins, Foster and Gilhooly, the Manhattan Whist Club four, will hold up the short-suit end, while Messrs. Buffington, Donald, Hatch and Taylor of the Contirental Club of New York will endeavor to prove that the long-suit way of playing is the better method.

method.

Both of the fours mentioned are playing in the inter-club tournament in Brooklyn, in which the Manhattans are away in the lead in the number of tricks taken, and are even with the Union League team for first place in the number of points made. The result of the match tonight will be watched with interest by all whist players. No matter how it terminates, other matches will follow, as the superiority of one system over the other cannot be determined in one match.

It is reported that the famous St. Paul team has issued a challenge for the Manhattan team to go to St. Paul and try conhattan team to go to St. Paul and try conclusions. Owing to the distance, it is probable these clubs will not come together, unless it be at the time of the congress in Brooklyn, in June.

Mr. Harvey McCoy of the Baltimore team has also challenged the Manhattan team. He proposes to have Duvall and Smith on his team, and perhaps Taylor of the Continuous and perhaps Taylor of the Continuous Cont lis team, and perhaps Taylor of the Con-

The Capital Bicycle Club are short suiters. They were not satisfied that in the last match with the Baltimore club the result thereof showed the superiority of the latter club. There has been a desire for another match or series of matches between these clubs, at least on the part of the local whist players. The present would seem to be a favorable time to play such a match or matches. Both teams are composed of excellent players, and the results would tend to determine the local whist players. The present would seem to be a favorable time to play such a match or matches. Both teams are composed of excellent players, and the results would tend to determine The Capital Bicycle Club are short suitand the results would tend to determine not only the superiority of one of the clubs, but of one of the systems as well.

move he won a place, and should have won, but being over-confident, allowed his adversary to secure a draw, after seventy-three moves. Both players made weak Messrs. Walker and O'Farreil finished

their match the past week, Walker winning by the score of 5 to 3. The match has been closely contested. The captain made an earnest effort to win, and outshier being left behind in the final spurt. played his antagonist in three games. In the last two games the opening adopted was the Petroff defense. They were full of interesting positions, and were won by Walker on their merits. In the first of the two Walker won a piece in a pretty com-bination, and won the game easily there-after, and in the last game of the match he won the prettiest game of the match in forty-eight moves.

The following is the last game in the match

)	between them:			
	P.O'Farrell. (White.)	FBWalker. (Black.)	P.O'Farrell.	FBWalker.
•	1 P-K4	PK4	25 Kt-Kt5	Q QKt3
	2 KtKB3		26 Kt-B3	QxQKtP
	8 KtxP	P-Q3	27 Q-B3	RxR
	4 Kt-KB3	KtxP	28 RxR	B-Q7
	5 P-Q4	P-Q4	29 Kt-Q	Q-Q5
	6 B-Q3	B-K2	80 R-K7	P-Kt5
	7 Castles	Castles	31 Q-QKt3	B-85
•	8 P-QB4	B-KKt5	32 K-Kt2	B-Q3
;	9 Q-QB2	BxKt Kt-KB3	33 R-K6	P-B5
i	10 PxB 11 PxP	QxP	34 Kt-B3 35 K-R	P-B6ch
:	12 B-K4	KtxB	36 R-K4	BxP
	13 QxKt	Q-Q2	37 K-K	Q-Q6ch P-Kt6
1	14 K-R	P-KB4	88 Q-Kt2	PxPch
,	15 QxKtP	Kt-QB3	39 KxP	B-Kt6ch
	16 Q-Kt3ch	K-R	40 KxB	P-B7ch
	17 P-Q5	Kt-Q5	41 K-R	P queens
	18 Q-B4	KtxP	42 Kt-K2ch	Q-B3ch
1	19 Kt-QB3	B-Q3	43 QxQch	RxQ
	20 B-B4	P-KKt4	44 R-KSch	K-Kt2
	21 Q-K2	BxB	45 Kt-Kt3	R-R3ch
,	22 QxKt	Q-Q3	48 Kt-R5ch	RxKtch
	23 QR-K	Q-KR3	47 KxR	Q-Kt3ch
	24 Q-K12	QR-K	48 Resigns	

Patterson obtained an advantage over Tibbetts in the second game of their match, a French defense, but allowed his opponent to draw the game by perpetual check. The score stands: Tibbetis, 1; Patterson, 0: drawn, 1. Mr. F. M. Wright, who won the title of champion of the District in the Libbey

cup contests, has withdrawn from the tournament. He also announces that he tournament. He also announces that he will retire from match play for the next year or two, as he finds it too wearisome. This announcement will be received with regret by his many friends. shown himself to be the foremost player in the city. The New York Checker Club is holding

a tournament, in which the veteran players are being beaten by the youngsters. The leading scores are as follows: Wm. Billingsley, won 14; lost 0. L. S. Head, won 22; lost 1. Harry Hughes, won 17½; lost, 1½. A. J. De Freest, won 10½; lost 1½, and Dr. A. Schaefer, won 13, lost 2.

The Capitol Hill and Mount Pleasant Whist Clubs played another match last evening at the Capitol Hill Club rooms. The teams were composed as follows: Capitol Hill—Messrs. Borches, King, Barnard and Jackson. Mount Pleasant—Messrs. Young, Davis, Taliaferro and Summers. They first played treaty four four deals its which the Cast played twenty-four deals, in which the Capitol Hills gained five tricks to none for their opponents in the first round of eight tricks. In the next round they gained two and the Mount Pleasants three, and in the third round they gained three and the visitors four, the total number of tricks gained be ing ten to seven in favor of the Capitol Hill Club. Then another twenty-four deals was started upon and played in an hour and a half. The playing was very rapid. The score was 18 to 7 in favor of the Mount

Basket Ball Match Off. Last week a challenge was received by

Mr. Martin, vice president of the Georgetown University Athletic Association, from the University of Chicago for a match game of basket ball, the date to be fixed for some time the latter part of this month. The challenge was occepted, and the work of organizing a basket ball team among the students begun. It was decided to play the game in the open air, on the campus, which would have made the game exceedingly interesting. Tuesday Mr.
Martin received word from the University
of Chicago to the effect that the board
of physical education of that institution
had forbidden the contemplated eastern
trip of the basket ball team. Consequently the Chicago-New York game will not be played, but as the candidates of the Georgetown team have made such an excellent showing it is extremely probable that a game will be arranged with some



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secretary of the Henley regatta committee, has received an official notification from President Sibour of the Yale Rowing Club announcing the entry of a crew from that university for this year's competition at Henley. The news of the coming of the Americans has given the greatest satisfaction to all the regatta officials and to Henlegites in general. The hotels are already preparing for unusual crowds and many rooms have been booked for. Only a few Americans, however, have applied for acecmmodations up to date, but this is probably because there has been considerable uncertainty as to whether the men from Yale would visit these shores during 1896. The announced intention of Sir George Newnes, the well-known newspaper pro-

prietor, to challenge for the America's cup, is not regarded seriously among yachtsmen here, as it is not believed he will be able to get any leading club to back his challenge. He was recently elected a member of the London Yacht Club, but the

of wheels, and they are reaping a harvest There are indications that this boom will cause a question to be asked in the house Action will probably be taken this evening at the compass whist contest at the Capital Bicycle Club toward playing another series of inter-club matches. All of the clubs are desirous of continuing the matches, and it is probable another round, if not two, will be played.

Messrs. Hanna and Usina played the first game in the chess match to settle who shall win first prize in the individual match tournament. On the twenty-first move Usina won a pawn, and on the forty-second forty-second sions are likely to be promptly granted.

IT WAS A DEAD HEAT.

Last Night's Race Between Donoghue

and Harley Davidson. There was an immense crowd to see the skaters, and interested spectators kept up cheers from the beginning to the end of the race, enthusiasm reigning supreme when the finish was announced as a dead heat. The three men alternated in the lead until the last lap, when Davidson and Donoghue spurted and gave a magnificent exhibition of speed. When the turn was reached just before the line, both men were almost locked together, and they swept across the finish with neither one an inch ahead. It would seem as though Donoghue's chance to win from Davidson lay In his running away from him on the last five or six laps, and should he attempt this tonight in the race for five miles, one of the prettiest exhibitions of fast skating ever seen here will take place. The judges of the race last night were Messrs. Towers, Storey and Cronin. Dr. H. H. Brower and Mr. H. E. Crooks were the time-keepers. The decision of the judges met with general approval.

John Davidson tried to lower the world's

record of 2.38, held by Donoghue, last night at 8 o'clock, but on the fourth lap fell and twisted his skate from his shoe. The ac-cident was to be regretted, as it was gen-erally conceded that he would have come very near the time with the pace at which he was going when it occurred. This evening at 9 o'clock the race will be for five miles, with Moshier, Davidson and Donoghue as starters. Should Dono-

ghue attempt to run away from Davidson there is every prospect of some record-breaking time, and it is hinted by a few that Moshier will show up this evening better than before on account of the longer race. The three-mile race, which resulted in a dead heat last evening, may also be raced over if Donochue carries out his original intention of challenging Davidson for another try. This will make two races on the program, and at 8 o'clock sharp Harley Davidson will try for Donoghue's record for a mile, with his brother John to act as pacemaker. It is believed by a good many that Harley can beat Don-oghue's time, and there is every indication that he will come very near to the figures

The race this afternoon will take place at 4:15, and will be for four miles, between Moshler, Donoghue and Davidson.

Blue and Gray Athletes. Regular training for the Georgetown Colege field and track team has begun by Trainer Foley, and with Mr. Robert Dick Douglas as captain. There are thirty candi-

dates, all of whom are doing excellent Mr. W. S. Martin, president of the ath-letic association, is contemplating the or-ganization of a crew.

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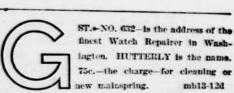
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